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Docket No. E-01345A-08-0172

NOTICE OF FILING TESTIMONY OF CHUCK ESSIGS, ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS IN SUPPORT OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Arizona Association of School Business Officials ("AASBO"), through its undersigned counsel, hereby provides notice that it has this day filed the testimony of

Chuck Essigs in support of the settlement agreement in connection with the abovecaptioned matter.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2009.

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Testimony in Support of the Settlement Agreement

Chuck Essigs

On Behalf of

Arizona Association of School Business Officials

July 1, 2009

1 2 3		TESTIMONY OF CHUCK ESSIGS ON BEHALF OF ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS
4		(Docket No. E-01345A-08-0172)
5	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
6	A.	Chuck Essigs. My business address is 2100 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona
7		85004.
8	Q.	WHAT IS YOUR POSITION?
9	A.	I am the Director of Governmental Relations for the Arizona Association of School
10		Business Officials.
11	Q.	ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU PROVIDING TESTIMONY IN THIS
12		PROCEEDING?
13	A.	I am providing testimony on behalf of the Arizona Association of School Business
14		Officials.
15		The Arizona Association of School Business Officials ("AASBO") provide services to
16		members in school districts in Arizona. AASBO has approximately 1,300 members. It
17		provides a number of conferences and training classes to school district employees and
18		provides information to members on the laws and regulations that impact the business
19		operation of school districts.
20	Q.	DID YOU PREVIOUSLY FILE TESTIMONY IN THIS MATTER?
21	A.	Yes, I filed direct testimony on December 19, 2008.
22	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?
23	A.	My testimony describes the impact of the proposed settlement on Arizona's public
24		schools and the assistance that will be provided to schools in managing their energy
25		consumption in an economic and efficient manner.

1	Q.	DOES THE ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS
2		("AASBO") SUPPORT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?
3	A.	Yes.
4	Q.	WHAT IS AASBO'S PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE IN THIS MATTER?
5	A.	We want to cooperate with the Commission and APS in developing solutions that allow
6		schools to reduce demand and to reduce utility costs. Since the Arizona Legislature
7		continues to prescribe spending limits for schools and beginning with the 2009-10 school
8		year all utility expenditures will be a part of what districts are allowed to spend, it is very
9		important that schools have the tools to improve their demand side management.
10	Q.	IS THE SCHEDULE FOR RATE INCREASES REASONABLE FOR SCHOOLS?
11	A.	With the rate increase taking effect on January 1, 2010 and with no new rate increases
12		until at least July 1, 2012, schools will be able to plan for the rate increases until the
13		2012-13 school year.
14	Q.	WILL THE AGREEMENT HELP SCHOOLS PAY FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY
15		PROJECTS?
16	A.	Schools have limited capital dollars available. The repayment plan that is part of the
17		settlement will allow schools to pay for energy efficiency projects with future energy
18		savings.
19	Q.	HOW WILL THIS PROPOSED SETTLEMENT IMPACT RENEWABLE
20		ENERGY USAGE BY SCHOOLS?
21	A.	APS will install 50,000 MWh of annual energy generation or savings on approximately
22		110 schools over the next three years.
23	Q.	HOW WILL OPTIONAL RATES ASSIST SCHOOLS?
24	A.	Within 90 days after approval of the settlement agreement by the Commission, APS will
25		file a proposed optional rate for schools. This optional rate will provide reduced rates for

1		schools that can shift consumption from peak periods during the day and shift
2		consumption from peak usage dates during the summer.
3	Q.	DOES THAT CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
4	A.	Yes.
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